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Dear Jeff

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As recently in one of the companion cases, the Israeli Patent Office has decided to accept this application without objection. The final fee is now due.

As in the other case, this leaves open the question of any desirable voluntary amendment, and our associates have informed us that, in the absence of instructions to amend, they will pay the final fee on 26th August 1992.

Any request for voluntary amendment must therefore be made as quickly as possible. I note that in the parent US application Claim 1 was thrice amended but in the CIP application only one minor amendment was made. It would not be easy to repeat this pattern in the single Israeli application, where the subject matter of the CIP is represented only by a short series of dependent claims to the spacer means.

The main question for determination therefore seems to be whether the amendments made during prosecution of the parent application in the United States are essentially matters of form or clarification, which might well be unnecessary in Israel, or whether they go to the heart of the invention and ought to be reproduced in the Israeli patent.

I have no very strong feelings on this question, except to note that we have not made corresponding amendments in recent responses elsewhere, for example, Norway and Poland but if you believe we should make an amendment in Israel, please let me know as quickly as possible. The Israeli claims remain as originally filed (that is, as supplied by Fish & Neave).

Yours sincerely

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